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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9-22 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend the claims as follows

Claim 1. (Previously Presented) A system for purchase management based on an administrative standard of purchasing, said system comprising:

an administrative standard specifying unit for specifying, when a purchase request is to be made on a plurality of types of items, the administrative standard of the purchase request according to the expense items representing the category or use of said items defined for each item, by defining useable expense item codes based upon a correlation between a budget control unit for a user and said expense items;

an administrative standard specific dividing controller for performing control of dividing said purchase request per administrative standard when said administrative standard specifying unit specifies that the administrative standards of the respective items to which the purchase request was made differ;

an administration controller for receiving the purchase request divided per administrative standard and administratively controlling said purchase request;

a divided ordering controller for performing control of dividing and ordering said purchase request per item specific dealer when said administration controller allows the purchase request;

an order totaling controller for totaling the order data ordered by the divided ordering controller according to the attribute of the expense item of said order;

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a budget control unit master storing a customer's management unit identification, a budget control unit identification and an expense item code usable with a budget control unit showing the budget control unit identification, the customer's management unit identification, a budget control unit identification and the expense item code being made in connection with each other; and

a merchandise assortment master storing an item number showing an item, the expense item code showing an expense item showing one or more category or use of usable with the item and a merchandise unit identification showing a merchandise assortment to a user of a customer front, the item number, the expense item code and merchandise unit identification being made in connection with each other, wherein the administrative standard specifying unit has a function specifying the expense item made in connection with the item number by reference to the merchandise assortment master based on the item number assigned to the item when purchase request of a plural kinds of items is made, or specifying the expense item made in connection with the budget management unit identification by reference to the budget management unit master based on the budget management unit identification showing the budget management unit to which a user belongs, and accumulating them in a shopping cart, a function specifying the administrative standard of each item to which the purchase request is made by reference to an approval path and a budget layer master based on the expense item code and the budget management unit identification, and a function determining whether or not an administrative standard of an item newly accumulated in the shopping cart agrees with an administrative standard of the item already accumulated in the shopping cart whenever an item is accumulated into the shopping cart.

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Claim 2. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a useable expense item code displaying controller for selectively displaying, at the time of said purchase request, the useable expense item codes, and the expense item code set forth per category of said items or per price decision method of said items; and

a useable expense item specifying unit for inputting, among one or a plurality of useable expense item codes displayed selectively, the useable expense item code specified when the user makes the purchase request as the useable expense item of said item as said administrative standard specifying unit.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein said administrative standard specifying unit comprises a user specific administrative standard specifying function that specifies said administrative standard according to the budget control unit to which said user belongs and said expense item.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein said administrative standard specifying unit comprises a path specifying function that specifies as said administrative standard the budget control unit identification for identifying one or a plurality of budget controlling divisions, or the budget control unit identification for identifying a plurality of budget/approval controlling divisions.

Claim 5. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said divided ordering controller comprises an item specific ordering controller for transmitting said order data per said item specific predetermined dealer.

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Claim 6. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said user specifies a purchasable item group per user making the purchase request of items, and further comprising an item accessing controller for controlling the display of items per respective user in accordance with said purchase availability.

Claim 7. (Original) The system according to claim 6, wherein said item accessing controller comprises a function of determining the purchase availability per said user based on merchandise assortment related information for specifying the merchandise assortment set forth per said respective user or user group.

Claim 8. (Original) The system according to claim 7, wherein said item accessing controller comprises a function of determining the purchase availability per said user based on the predetermined purchasable expense item per said respective user or user group.

Claims 9.-22. (Canceled)

Claim 23. (Currently Amended) A system for purchase management based on an administrative standard of purchasing, said system comprising:

an administrative standard specifier that specifies administrative standards for a purchase request regarding a plurality of types of items by defining useable expense item codes that correlate between a budget controller for a user and expense items;

an administrative standard specification divider that divides the purchase request based upon said administrative standards when said administrative standard specifier specifies different administrative standards for the purchase request;

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an administration controller that receives the divided purchase request and that controls the administration of the divided purchase request;

an order divider that divides and orders said purchase request based upon specified dealers when the administration controller allows the purchase request; and

an order totaler that totals the order from the order divider according to expense items in said order;

a budget control unit master that stores a customer's management unit identification, a budget control unit identification and an expense item code usable with a budget control unit showing the budget control unit identification, the customer's management unit identification, a budget control unit identification and the expense item code being made in connection with each other; and

a merchandise assortment master that stores an item number showing an item, the expense item code showing an expense item showing one or more category or use of usable with the item and a merchandise unit identification showing a merchandise assortment to a user of a customer front, the item number, the expense item code and merchandise unit identification being made in connection with each other, wherein the administrative standard specifying unit has a function specifying the expense item made in connection with the item number by reference to the merchandise assortment master based on the item number assigned to the item when purchase request of a plural kinds of items is made, or specifying the expense item made in connection with the budget management unit identification by reference to the budget management unit master based on the budget management unit identification showing the budget management unit to which a user belongs, and accumulating them in a shopping cart, a function specifying the administrative standard of each item to which the purchase request is made by reference to an approval path and a

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budget layer master based on the expense item code and the budget management unit identification, and a function determining whether or not an administrative standard of an item newly accumulated in the shopping cart agrees with an administrative standard of the item already accumulated in the shopping cart whenever an item is accumulated into the shopping cart.